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E.O. 12065: RDS-1 9/25/90 (ARMACOST, MICHAEL H.)
TAGS: PGOV, PEPR, SHUM, KS, US
SUBJECT: CONGRESSMEN EXPRESS CONCERNS TO ROK AMBASSADOR
REF: STATE 255524

1. (U) CONGRESSMAN WOLFF INVITED AMBASSADOR KIM TO MEET WITH HIMSELF AND A GROUP OF TEN OTHER CONGRESSMEN ON THE HILL SEPT 25 TO REVIEW CONGRESSIONAL CONCERNS REGARDING THE TRIAL AND SENTENCING OF KIM DAE JUNG AND HIS ASSOCIATES IN SEOUL. THOSE PRESENT WERE: ZABLOCKI, WOLFF, GUYER, BONKER DON EDWARDS, HAMILTON, HALL, FENWICK, PEDELL, GILMAN AND EDGAR

2. (C) [redacted]

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3. (C) WOLFF ALSO ASKED THAT THE ROK EMBASSY CONSULT WITH THE STATE DEPT AND WITHDRAW THE PRESENT NOTIFICATION WHICH I BEFORE THE CONGRESS REGARDING AIRCRAFT SPARE PARTS SALES,

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RESUBMITTING THE PACKAGE AT A MORE APPROPRIATE TIME IN ORDER TO AVOID AN "ACRIMONIOUS" DEBATE ON KOREA BEFORE ADJOURNMENT WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED LETTERS TO THE DEPT (SEE REFTEL) FROM EIGHT CONGRESSMEN IN ONE CASE AND SEPARATELY FROM WOLFF ASKING THE DEPARTMENT TO WITHDRAW THIS NOTIFICATION. COPIES BEING HAND CARRIED TO SEOUL BY BREER.

4. (C) [redacted]

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5. (C) ACCORDING TO EF PALMER OF EFAC STAFF, THE CONGRESSMEN ALSO FELT THE MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR KIM WENT WELL. HE DESCRIBED THE MOOD AS SERIOUS AND FRIENDLY RATHER THAN

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